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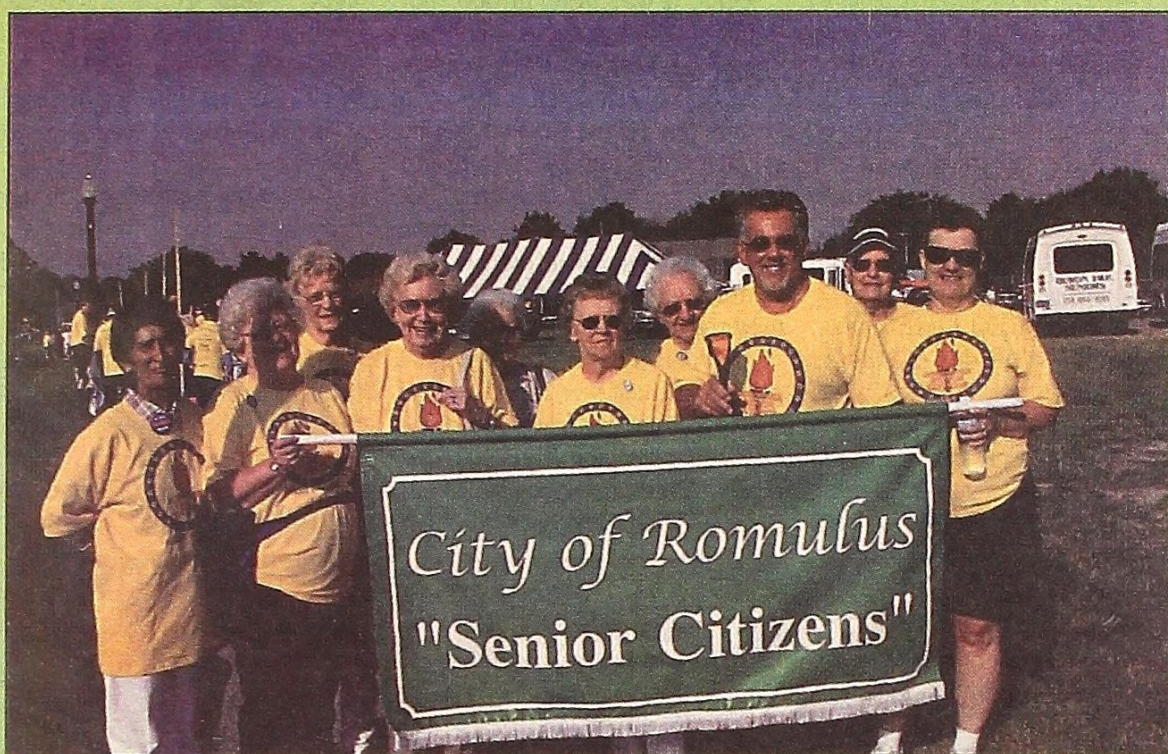
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Good sports

Romulus seniors took home the gold – and some silver and bronze, too – at the recent Senior Olympics in Woodhaven. The Olympics take place each year to encourage activity in those 55 and older and to give seniors an outlet for their skills and talents. Here, Mayor Alan Lambert (second from right, front row) poses with the Romulus delegation at the opening ceremonies. The athletes are (left to right, first row): Angie Snyder, Helen Carroll (bronze, Frisbee toss), Eileen James (bronze, darts), Doll Wands, Lambert, and JoAnn Hewitt (gold, bocce ball and bowling). In the back row (left to right) are: Mickey Durham (silver in horseshoes, bronze in football toss, bronze in bocce ball), Sandy Bell, Katie McCraight (silver in darts), and Paul Dorman. Two other athletes, Kenneth Berlin (bronze in golf) and Ruth Bierl (gold in pinochle), are not pictured.

Reimbursement of fire costs sought by cities

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert and Wayne City Manager John Zech said they are relieved that the injuries resulting from the Aug. 9 explosion at EQ Resource Recovery in Romulus are few, and that the next task will be determining how much the fire will cost the municipalities.

Both officials said they will work with department heads in their respective communities to determine the final costs for the blast – and work with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to devise a financial reimbursement plan.

“We’re obviously not going to have a final number for the overtime, the supplies, all of the personnel costs and other costs for a long time, but once we get those numbers, we’re going to ask for assistance,” said Lambert. “We’re trying not to think about the money right now – we want to make sure this is a safe environment – but we will have to address the costs eventually.”

Zech said City of Wayne fire-

fighters and public works personnel assisted Romulus public safety workers along with several other municipal fire companies to contain the fire on a 24-hour basis.

“The cost is likely to be astronomical,” he said. “But we’re confident that we will get some help for this – there are provisions in place when things like this occur. It’s going to take quite a while to determine the final cost, but we expect to have some numbers over the next few weeks.”

The explosion at the chemical plant – the third largest facility that reconditions acetone, motor oil from vehicles and airplane de-ice fluids in the United States – burned for nearly three days. The clean-up phase will be ongoing for several weeks, and the investigation by Romulus Fire investigators, with the assistance of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, is under way, according to Romulus Fire Chief David Allison.

Chemical plants such as the EQ-Romulus facility are governed by both the EPA and

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Fire prompts liability claims

Scott Spielman
Editor

Less than 24 hours after an explosion rocked the EQ Resource Recovery plant in Romulus, a lawsuit was filed on behalf of residents in the area.

The class action suit, filed on behalf of Jeffrey Carter and Douglas Warden of Wayne, by the Weiner & Cox law firm of Southfield, seeks damages in excess of \$25,000 and a permanent injunction against the chemical recycling facility.

“People are not out to become

independently wealthy off this case,” said Elizabeth Thompson, who is in charge of environmental exposure litigation for the firm. “We’re just trying to put people in the same position as they were in on Monday afternoon.

“This case is about property rights,” she added.

Thompson is overseeing the case, but said she has two other full-time employees on it, fielding phone calls and answering questions.

She said another member of the firm already had several

clients in the area when the explosion took place shortly after 9 p.m. last Tuesday. About an hour after that, he began getting calls from his clients and others, asking for help and seeking to know what their rights were.

Those questions came from residents who were fearful of potential toxins in the air, concerned about whether they should go outside or if they should eat the vegetables growing in their gardens. Others were concerned about property values

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Schools will enforce enrollment regulations

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus Community School officials are diligently investigating any incidence of non-resident students attending classes in the 4,000-student district, and are asking for help from parents to help quell the problem.

District Spokesman Dick Kruse said school officials are asking that parents who suspect a student might not live in Romulus call the district at (734) 532-1626, and provide the name of the student. “We’re asking for help because we’re committed to seeing through our policies,” he said. “We are prepared to enforce our identification

“We are prepared to enforce our identification rules.”
Dick Kruse

rules.”

A number of parents and residents recently complained to the school board that students attended classes even though their parents don’t pay taxes to the district.

“We will vigorously investigate any and all complaints of students in class that don’t live in the district,” said Kruse. “We require, and always have, three pieces of ID from different categories before a student call enroll in classes. A

parent, a legal guardian or a power of attorney recipient can present the ID to us.”

The flap over out-of-district students peaked at a Romulus School Board meeting two weeks ago when angry parents expressed concern regarding the issue. But the district has always had policies in place to deal with the students – which represent a small number of the district enrollment. Kruse said in the past several years, he has had two calls about out-of-district students.

Parents who enroll students in the Romulus Community Schools are expected to show identification from several sources to prove residency.

Workers will get paid after plant explosion

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Workers displaced by the recent EQ Resource Recovery fire received some good news for the short term Friday when a spokesman from the company indicated the workers would be paid their full wages while company officials debate the future of the facility.

EQ spokesman Dan Gilbert said the company will begin the process of identifying work opportunities for the 50 maintenance, office and management workers as soon as possible.

“We’ve been occupied with what is actually happening at the facility, but we didn’t want any of our staff members to worry about immediate needs,” said Gilbert. “We’re going to find new work for them.”

The Romulus EQ facility is the third largest chemical remediation plant of its type in North America. The plant has stood at the corner of Wayne and Van

Born roads for more than 30 years, but EQ acquired the facility in 1986, Gilbert said. Since then, the plant has been cited by the MDEQ for minor infractions that were immediately resolved, and overall, there have been few problems at the facility, he added.

Processing solvents, motor oil, airplane de-icer and other toxic chemicals used for the airline industry and the automotive industry made the EQ Romulus plant one of the busiest the firm has in Michigan. Gilbert said the company will incur extra costs to divert the fluids that would have been cleaned at the Romulus facility to two other plants – one in Detroit. The other is in North Carolina.

The plant covers about 11 acres in a heavily industrial area of Romulus. Gilbert said at a press conference Friday that he and other company officials briefly were able to gain access to the site. Several mixing tanks were destroyed in the blast.

Public safety workers praised for performance

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

An explosion that rocked the areas of Romulus and Wayne Aug. 9 and the evacuation of about 1,000 homes is likely to be remembered by residents and officials for years.

Responders from the Romulus and Wayne police and fire departments were called to the EQ Recovery Resources Plant at Wayne and Van Born Roads at about 9:30 p.m. After the explosion, residents could see a mushroom cloud rise from the facility. The fire that followed was one of the largest in recent memory in Western Wayne County. It burned for three days, said Romulus Fire Chief Dave Allison.

"We worked non-stop with other fire companies to contain this fire," he said. "We assessed the situation, and it's best to let the fire burn out. (It was) just too hot, and (it was) not a situation that we could take care of using regular methods."

As several individual explosions ignited fires Tuesday and into Wednesday, firefighters from the Western Wayne County Mutual Aid Association and the Downriver Mutual Aid Association responded to the scene. In all, about 20 fire departments responded to the scene, Allison said.

"We organized a full shift, then let another department come in to work the shift, and alternated," he said. "It worked really well. We received a lot of help on this one."

After the fire started, a perimeter was established that closed both Wayne and Van Born roads

for two days after the fire. Several thousand residents were also evacuated from the area in case the fire spread to adjacent neighborhoods. But no other property damage was reported related to the fire itself, said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert.

"The (fire) departments did a great job making sure people's property was protected," he said.

Though the fire – which emergency workers said destroyed nearly half of the 11-acre plant – is out, the investigation as to what caused the fire is just beginning, said Romulus Police Lt. John Leacher, who is the department fire investigator.

"We had to wait for the area to be safe enough to spend time at," he said. "We had to wait until we

have the all-clear from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), then we can start to see if we can find out what caused this." The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is assisting in the investigation – but there are no signs of foul play so far, said Romulus Public Safety Director Charles Kirby.

"They have some tools we don't have, and even if you don't think there's criminal wrongdoing, it's great to have the ATF with you on something like this," he said.

Because the EQ facility was located on the border of Wayne and Romulus, many families living in Wayne were ordered to evacuate, said John Zech, the city manager of Wayne.

"We're doing everything we can

to assist Romulus at this time," he said. "Quite a few people who live in Wayne are affected by this, and we've provided all of the resources we can to get through this."

Once it was determined that families within a designated area should evacuate, both Wayne Memorial High School and Romulus High School were opened to accommodate families without a place to stay. The Salvation Army provided free water and food to affected residents, along with several other area restaurants, Zech said.

Lambert said the scenario that played out last week at the plant was the fear that motivated the city to convert the Romulus Fire Department from a volunteer force to a full-time, paid force last

year.

"We have a lot of industrial complexes around here, and we have to make sure it's safe for residents and people who work in the city," he said. "A full-time department was badly needed, and this proved it. We've never had anything like this with an industrial facility before, but the worst happened."

EQ's nine employees escaped the blast without serious injury, but several firefighters were taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne to be treated for smoke inhalation.

Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said the fire was a trying experience for city residents, but said there is a silver lining.

"We worked together and came together to solve this," he said.

Court offers clean-up aid

Senior citizens and handicapped residents of Wayne who are unable to clean up property impacted by the explosion of the EQ Resource Recovery Plant last week will be able to get some help in that effort.

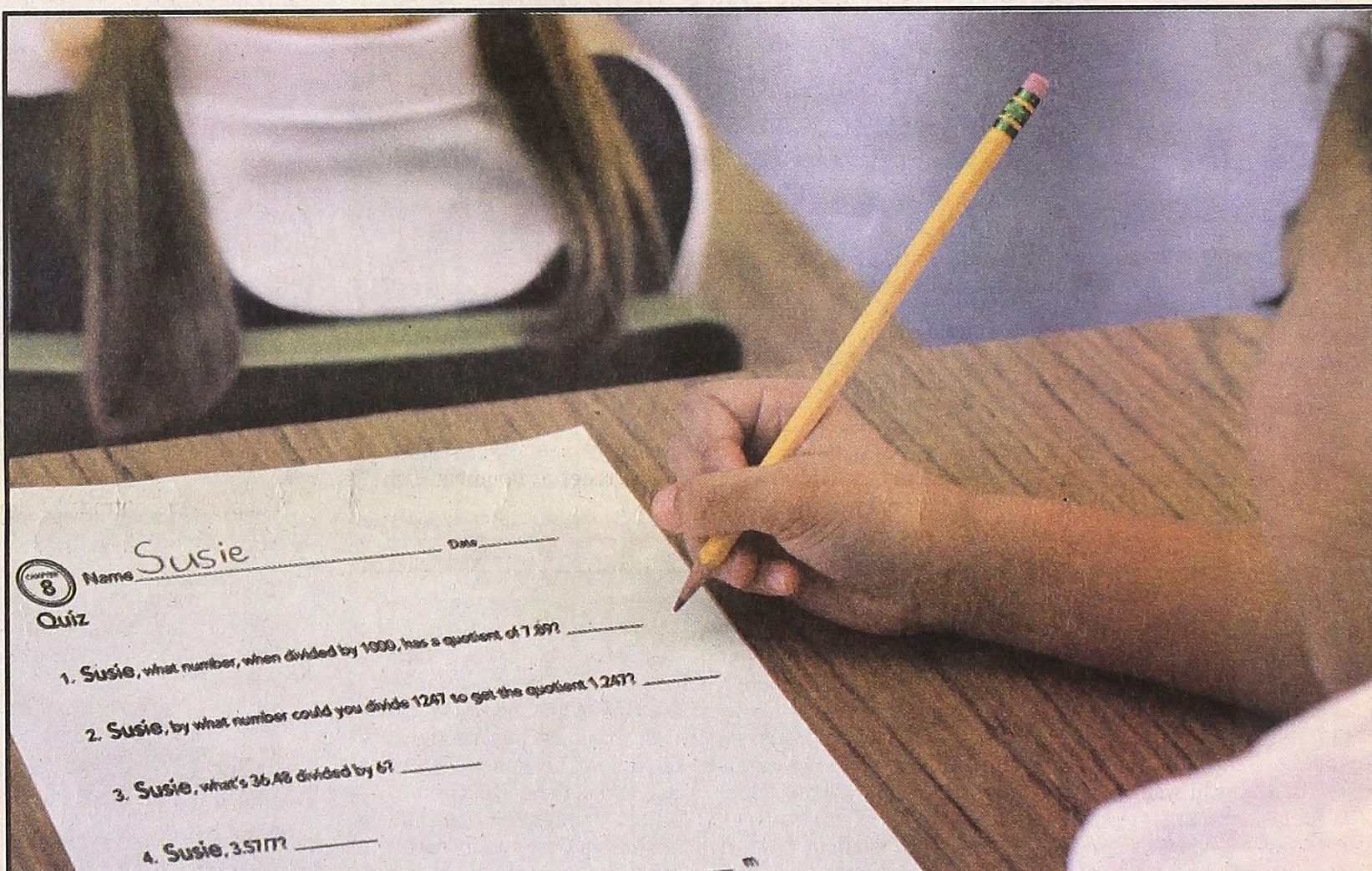
Workers from the work program at the 29th District Court in Wayne will be available to lend a hand in the task, according to Court Administrator Linda Gable.

She said the idea came from Judge Laura Mack.

"A lot of the senior citizens and handicapped residents are concerned that they won't be able to clean up (their property) by themselves," Gable said.

Work crews will be available during their regularly scheduled times, for about two hours on Wednesday evenings or two hours on Saturday mornings. Those interested should call the Wayne Senior Activity Center at (734) 721-7460.

The work program is not a new one in the city. Community service crews have long helped out in a variety of ways, from preparing homes for the annual Friends, People Helping People project to performing fall raking and chores for senior citizens.



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Incumbent treasurer seeks third term

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Incumbent Romulus Treasurer Pam Kersey said she hopes to continue diversifying services for residents if she is elected to a third term.

Kersey, a lifelong Romulus resident and one of three people seeking the \$61,000 per-year treasurer's position, has served eight years as treasurer, and said there's still many things she would like to accomplish before leaving the city.

"I'm a public servant first and foremost, and I love my job," said Kersey. "We need to continue to make services more convenient and accessible to residents. Our job is to support the overall needs of the community with sound fiscal management."

That means tying in the treasurer's office into other areas of the city so that other entities understand the fiscal operations – and limitations – of the finances in the city, Kersey said.

"We need to continue providing a homestead property tax for seniors, so they can continue to flourish," she said. "And, we need to continue to be at the forefront of new technologies that will make things easier for

residents in the long run." Romulus, under Kersey's watch, was one of a few cities to sign up for a credit card-based system to collect property taxes.

"It's used via the Internet or the phone, and the response has been excellent," she said. "We were one of the first municipalities to do that, and it's enhanced our systems in the treasurer's office."

To Kersey, being the city treasurer isn't about sitting in an office crunching numbers, although some of that is required. She serves as the chairman of the city pension committee, which works with investment companies to ensure the funds of employees and retirees are invested wisely.

Another role she relishes is her involvement with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which is devising ways to make the downtown area more pleasing to existing residents and more attractive to potential residents.

"Being a part of other boards and committees allows you to grow, and be a team player," she said. "That helps a lot when you deal with people in the community. It also helps you interact with others in the city, which is something I really enjoy."



Pam Kersey

The treasurer also pursued additional municipal training after she began working for the city. Initially, she earned a bachelor's of business administration degree from Western Michigan University. She went on to become a certified municipal clerk shortly thereafter.

Kersey later attended Central Michigan University Municipal Treasurer's School, which is a three-year program designed to teach students all aspects of municipal financial management – the type of skills that one could not easily hone in the business world, Kersey said.

Still active with her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, Kersey said she learned the importance of business relationships within that organization.

She is the mother of two children, a college student and a ninth grader at Romulus High School.

Cause of area woman's death remains unknown

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The death of Belleville resident Karen Plesa remains under investigation as the Michigan State Police Department continues final interviews before sending the case to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office this week.

According to Sgt. Michael Shaw from the Metro South post of the Michigan State Police, it is still undecided whether or not charges will be filed in the death of the woman.

Plesa, 53, was found fatally injured on the eastbound side of I-94 near the I-275 juncture on July 22. When Romulus police officers initially arrived on the scene, the woman told them that she was pushed from the passenger's side of a moving vehicle, according to Det. Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department.

Plesa was transported to St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, but died shortly after as a result of her injuries, according to police reports.

"We're still investigating whether she was pushed or thrown from the vehicle," said Shaw.

Romulus investigators found the vehicle near Haggerty Road and took the driver—Plesa's boyfriend—into custody.

"The boyfriend has been questioned and there have been no charges made against him at this time," said Shaw.

The woman was not alone during the incident. Her 15-year-old daughter was also a passenger in the vehicle, according to reports.

The autopsy on Plesa's body has been completed, but investigators have yet to receive the results. Once the investigation is wrapped-up, Shaw said, the case will be sent to the prosecutor's office for a final review.

Molly Tippen contributed to this story.

Fire - Negative effects alleged

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and what the explosion might mean for houses currently up for sale.

"People were outraged," she said. "It was a lot of pandemonium in that area."

Officials from EQ Resource Recovery have declined to comment on the lawsuit. They had previously offered assistance to residents to clean up their homes and provide reimbursements for hotel rooms for those that had to be evacuated.

Thompson said she didn't think the quickness with which the suit was filed – it was prepared before the fire was fully extinguished and investigators could go into the site and determine what caused it – would hinder the litigation.

"It's only natural for people to want to know what their rights are," she said. "Their life assets are their homes."

In addition to the damages, Thompson said the suit seeks to close down the facility or get it to operate correctly. It's not an uncommon thing to ask for in suits like that, she said, even though it's difficult to achieve.

"The legal standards are pretty high," she said, "but more often than not the litigation itself makes them clean up their act."

More than 1,000 homes were evacuated because of the fire last Tuesday. Many were kept away from their homes for more than a day. Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have since determined that nothing of toxic levels left the site, but Thompson said she's not so sure.

"I'm a little skeptical of the results that are coming out," she said. "We've hired an independent firm to conduct our own tests. We have our own investigation going on."

The timeline for the case could be a long one. EQ has 30 days to respond to the initial complaint. In the meantime, Weiner & Cox will request the case be heard as a class action suit, a process which is already under way. Thompson said that so far, more than 100 people have expressed a desire to be a part of it. Many signed up after the firm hosted a public information meeting with residents last Saturday. Anyone who believes they have suffered property damage or health problems can call the firm toll free at (888) 701-0900. She said she also hopes to have the details of the lawsuit posted on the firm web site, at www.weinercox.com.

A letter from EQ officials is on page 15.

Challenger touts fiscal skills, expertise

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

City treasurer candidate Larry Moore misses working for Romulus.

Moore worked for the treasurer's office as a financial manager for five years before seeking employment in the private sector. But now, he's hoping voters will give him an opportunity to serve the public's interest once again.

"I liked the service part of working for the city, but I didn't like the politics," he said. "But it's something you have to deal with in public office."

Now an accountant for a large engineering company, Moore said his skills working in a business environment would be an asset if he were elected treasurer.

"I've literally been doing this job for 30 years," he said. "I really enjoy working with the citizens – I understand the budget process, the contracts process, and I think there are many similarities – and differences – that would make me the right fit (for the position)."

First on Moore's agenda would be a comprehensive review of the city bank

accounts to make sure the city is getting best deal for citizens' tax dollars. "I would imagine the city has many bank accounts and checking accounts, and I would want to see if we can better rates," he said. "Rates can add up over time, and a regular review of the accounts should be part of the treasurer's job."

Also, a review of investments made on behalf of residents and employees would be prudent, Moore said.

"Return on investment is a very important part of the city's overall financial plan," he said. "One thing that I would do is see what is working for us – and what's not. I would like to see if we can get a better rate on our returns. We need to invest the city's money wisely."

One service Moore would like to see enacted in the city are direct deposit accounts for property taxes, which the treasurer is responsible for collecting.

Moore said he acknowledges that, if he is elected treasurer, it would be a learning process.

"You have to get in there and see what you can do, and try to make improvements



Larry Moore

where you can," he said. "But mainly, you just need to make sure that we're following procedures and doing things properly."

Moore was born in Kentucky and moved to Romulus in 1953, when he was 4 years old. He graduated from Romulus High School and moved onto Cleary College in Ypsilanti, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting. He also worked as a financial analyst during a 2-year stint in Germany as a member of the U.S. Army.

The father of two daughters – both of whom still live in Romulus – Moore worships at Calvary Baptist Church with his wife, Lynda.

He has served as the treasurer of Calvary Baptist Church for about 10 years. Before that, he served as the treasurer of Canton Community Church for 10 years.

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MDEQ, and undergo inspections regularly to ensure proper procedures regarding chemical storage are followed. EQ spokesman Dan Gilbert would not speculate about whether the company will rebuild on the site until all investigations into the

blast are concluded. The City of Wayne has suffered through some difficult financial times recently because of the soft economy. Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said, however, that cost is not the first concern during a major emergency. "The first priority is for the safety of the citizens," he said. "It's not dollars and cents." For comprehensive coverage about the EQ fire, turn to page 4.

Flames are out, but residents' anger still burns

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Sixty seven-year-old Darlene Childress always wondered what chemicals were on-site at the sprawling EQ Resource Recovery Plant in Romulus.

Now – after a late night fire on Aug. 9 that gutted at least half of the facility – she's worried about black dust that has covered her home on Fletcher Street, across the street from the EQ plant in the City of Wayne.

"When I felt the house shake, I knew immediately what it was," Childress said. "But I've lived here 30 years, and the plant has been there longer than that. I just never thought too much about what was happening there."

"And I'm a widow and I'm on Social Security, and I just don't know how I'm going to take care of the dust and clean things up," she said.

The tremor Childress felt occurred at about 9:15 p.m. on Aug. 9. She said the first thing she saw was a very bright – almost blinding – light, then a huge fireball and smoke.

"I didn't even hear the order to evacuate, I just left," she said. "I had a hard time finding a hotel that would take my pets, but eventually I found one in Plymouth. But I'd really like to get back home – at least to grab some more clothes and check on my house."

Childress was one of thousands of Wayne and Romulus res-

idents who live in the immediate area of the plant who were ordered from their homes. Two days later – after the EPA completed some preliminary air quality tests and "wipe" tests on residue left behind by the explosion – those residents were finally allowed to return to their homes.

But lingering concerns about the air quality and the black dust thrown into the air as the facility burned are still of concern to residents.

"They're saying it's safe but I'm not so sure," said Scott Whilsenland, a resident of Romulus. "They're telling us to not wear our shoes in the house. They're telling us to wash our pet's feet when they come into the house. If they're asking us to do this, how can it be safe?"

Steve Tackitt, of the Wayne County Environmental Health Department said that because the fire burned extremely hot, it burned out some of the harmful chemicals that could have made the explosion much worse for residents.

"The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has been down here conducting tests, and it looks like the levels of chemicals in the air are safe," he said. "We would not advise people to go back in their homes if we didn't think it was safe. There are monitors placed around the area, and we will have more test results over the next few days that will tell us more (about the

air quality)."

Westland Fire Chief Mike Reddy said the height of the flames and clouds of smoke may have helped reduce the threat to residents, too.

"It's actually better because it throws everything way up in the air," he said. "The products get so hot it burns some of them off, too."

John Gulch, a chemist for the EPA, said air samples collected from the plume of smoke rising from the site after the fire started and residual testing from the surrounding neighborhoods indicated that levels of impurities were not harmful to humans.

"The fact that they let it burn helped a great deal because no combustion took place," he said. "The results were somewhat less than we expected for a fire of this size."

Gulch said it was too soon to say what substances were present in those tests.

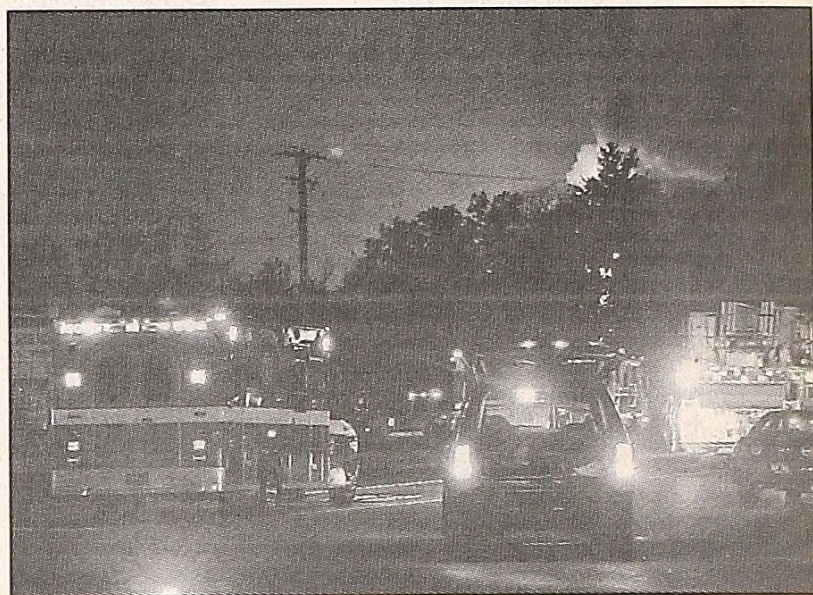
That may seem odd, given that officials know essentially what was in the drums – processing solvents such as acetone, as well as motor oil and other chemicals there for recycling – but it's not actually a contradiction.

"Clouds of smoke will be different than the chemicals," said Erik Stabenau, who holds a doctoral degree in chemistry from the University of Miami. "If something is burning and that material contains hydrocarbons, meaning it contains compounds made up of hydrogen and carbon, then the smoke likely contains CO2 and a bunch of other compounds that are the 'partial combustion products' of burning hydrocarbons."

Not knowing is enough to make some residents leery – or at least frustrated.

"I think I'd feel better if we knew more about this," said Teresa Leaver, who along with her husband Bill, left their home on Van Born Road to stay with friends. "Not knowing has been difficult – everything we own is there."

EPA officials made several recommendations to people affected by the blast, including washing all clothes and wiping down homes and exterior structures with bleach or disinfectant.



Police and firefighters from surrounding municipalities responded to Wayne and Van Born roads Tuesday night after a series of explosions sparked a fire at the EQ Resource Recovery in Romulus.

EQ spokesman Dan Gilbert said he recognizes that the fire uprooted several residents, and he said the company will help residents clean their property and reimburse hotel expenses.

The company has set up a 24-hour, toll-free help line at (877) 278-7630.

Journal Editor Scott Spielman contributed to this story.

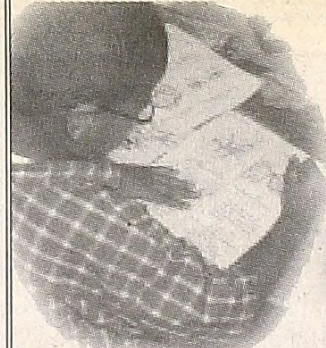


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OPINION

Not a good idea

An effort is under way for a state-wide petition drive to place a school funding issue on the ballot next year.

Among other things, it would guarantee increased funding for schools every year, deal with retirement funds and help equalize foundation grants in all districts. The ultimate goal is to ensure the state legislature properly funds public education, which in itself is a laudable goal.

We still think, though, that any kind of legislation that guarantees an automatic funding increase isn't necessarily good policy at a time when nobody can guarantee the money will be there.

It's easy to talk about things like increased school funding; it's easy to point out that the need for additional money is there. You talk about things like the future, and how important our children are and how they deserve the best education possible so they can compete in an ever-competitive marketplace.

Who can argue with that?

Local school officials have been penalized during the past few years, for the state of the economy. They've had to make cuts, dip into fund balances and make difficult choices in order to do a better job with less funding – given the increasing cost of everything else – and sometimes with less staff, too.

They're frustrated, and they have a right to be.

But everybody is frustrated. It's a similar situation for virtually every municipality. Ask anyone in municipal government about the levels of state shared funding they receive now versus what they received a few years ago and you'll get the same kind of answer. They're scraping, too. Their fund balances have dropped in most cases, their staff levels dwindled.

Both problems need to be fixed and a guaranteed increase in funding isn't necessarily the way to go about it. The economy in general needs to rebound before the state can afford to throw money at any of its problems.

Spirit of community shines

It's difficult to recognize all the people involved in helping ease the many difficulties that arose during and after the explosion at the EQ Resource Recovery facility in Romulus last week.

Police and fire departments throughout western Wayne County were on hand to assist in the effort to control the blaze and ensure the safety of residents in Wayne, Romulus and Westland. It was a well-coordinated effort, and it shows that the spirit of cooperation in our communities extends beyond the public safety workers and elected officials.

The City of Wayne has developed a thank you list for some of those involved in the effort to fight the fire, see to the evacuation of citizens from their homes and to comfort them as much as possible, afterward. It's most likely an incomplete list, and there will be others that come to mind after the fact. Even so, here's a beginning of those that should be acknowledged: virtually every department in the mutual aid associations in Wayne County; the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Sam's Club, Max & Erma's in Canton Township, Panera Bread in Westland, Pizza Way in Detroit, McDonald's, Kroger, Awrey's Bakery, Leon's Family Dining, the Michigan Citizen Corps and it's senior command officer, Neal McLeod, the Department of Public Health, Father Jack Baker and his crew at St Mary's Church in Wayne; one of facilities that opened up to serve as a sanctuary for those who had to leave their homes; Greg Baracy and the staff at the Wayne-Westland School District, which also took on evacuees; The New Hope Baptist Church, the Wayne County Road Commission, the

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"YOU GUYS CAN 'SELL OUT' IF YOU WANT.... BUT I'M NOT GONNA BE SOME DEVELOPER'S BUFFER STRIP!!"

I was a middle-aged evacuee

I don't always think clearly at 1:30 a.m. but I was forced to last Tuesday.

And I was tired, too.

I had just finished putting the paper to bed – after we had torn up and redone the front pages in Wayne, Westland and Romulus, as a result of the explosion and fire at the EQ Resource Recovery Plant – and I was coming down from the adrenaline rush of being at a major disaster scene, camera and notebook in hand.

For those who haven't experienced that, it's a weird feeling, part exhilaration, part fear, as you're looking at a huge wall of fire and thick clouds of black smoke coming your way. At that point, when a police officer approaches you, tells you to leave with the tag line: 'You're in harm's way,' you tend not to argue. I did anyway, of course, in part because I was hopped up on caffeine and in part because it's my job to get as close as I can. No offense, guys.

But my decision didn't revolve around whether or not to leave the scene; this was more personal.

I live in the evacuation zone.

So there I was, bleary with fatigue, my contact lenses sticking to my eyes, a scratchy feeling –

maybe real, maybe imagined – in my throat. My wife, Lisa, was sleeping on the couch. Henry, my 4-year-old son, nestled in his bed. Alice, our cat, was the only one awake but she didn't pay much attention to the image on the television screen that showed the burning plant, about half a mile away.

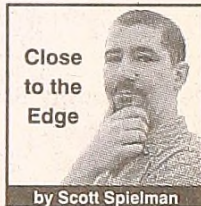
"We may have to leave," I said, but there was a bit of uncertainty in my voice. After all, they were only evacuating people to the Wayne Community Center, and that was only two blocks away. Would that make a difference?

I told myself, no, it wouldn't. I mean, I had already spent about 30 minutes on a street corner a lot closer than that. Ray Davies popped into my head, singing his classici song: *Should I stay or should I go?*

I looked at the couch. The cat. The television. My street was a little emptier than usual. Then the television newscasters said the magic words: they were moving residents from the community center to Wayne Memorial High School.

Police cars started driving up and down the

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Need for new high school is real

After reporting stories for almost two years now on whether or not the Van Buren School District needs a new high school, I've come to two conclusions. Yes, they do need a new high school and the voters need to come to that same realization.

Last year, the school district and residents struggled through numerous community input meetings and various planning and design stages in order to get a \$150 million bond issue put before the voters. It would have funded improvements to the middle schools, provided district-wide technology upgrades and most importantly, funded a new high school.

Many people saw it as an overly ambitious goal for the district and voted against it the question. But one issue remains: the students need a new high school.

So after the bond issue was rejected, it was time for supporters of the measure to regroup, consider what went wrong and bring back a new and improved proposal for a high school.

And all the while, I sat through countless school board meetings where residents would talk about problems with last year's proposal—how it was too much money, how they hated the location and how the other district upgrades in the bond should not have been included.

But what about the crowded high school hall-

ways that the students have to face each school day, along with the outdated features and building. Isn't that convincing enough?

On the flip side, there were, and still are, many supportive residents who say that Van Buren desperately needs a new high school.

Many residents have already shown a positive step in the right direction, and through it all, I can't help but go back to a resident's comment that really stuck out: "It's time to spend some money and it's time to replace the school so let's get it done now because we're going to have to sometime."

Now, it's up to the rest of the community to get involved. The next steps are making your voice heard at the upcoming public forums where every question and concern can be addressed. I just hope that everyone takes advantage of the opportunities because in the end, the money is going toward a better education.

So what does it take to get a new high school for the Van Buren School District?

I really don't have the answer to that, but I do hope that this time around the community will know the answer and ultimately approve a bond issue for a new high school.



King's Court

by Andrea King

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College offers writers' awards

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) is rewarding young writers throughout the area as part of a continued goal to increase literacy.

The college has launched a new essay contest—Write For Success—for high school students in the Wayne County area.

"We are so committed to the topic of literacy, which is a real problem in our society. The percentage is sadly high and we want to underscore the importance of writing and the importance of literacy," said Randall Miller, executive vice chancellor of WCCCD. "People will get a sense of what's involved in a superior piece of writing and will hopefully continue on."

The Write For Success contest is open to high school students in grades 10-12. The topic will be: Who is your hero and why? Students can describe in 500 words or less who they look up to and respect, who they admire, what they have learned from their hero, how they have influenced them and what they have learned from them.

And thanks to several private sponsors, three

winners will be rewarded a \$2,500 tuition scholarship for a college of their choice, a \$1,000 tuition scholarship for a college of their choice or 12 free credit hours at WCCCD.

As an added bonus, a writer's camp will take place at 10 a.m. on Oct. 26 at the downtown campus, located at 1001 West Fort St. in Detroit. A second camp will also take place at 2 p.m. on Oct. 26 at the downriver campus, located at 21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

"Writing is a craft and a skill. Even all born writers have to keep up on their craft," said Miller. "Some people learn to write early on and some may not learn until they're working on their doctoral program so our goal is to foster that learning tool before going off to college, as well as inspire people who may not be going to college to now do so."

The deadline to submit an essay for the Write For Success contest is Sept. 15. It can be sent to: WCCCD Continuing Education Division, 801 West Fort Street, Detroit, MI, 48226. There is a \$5 registration fee.

For more information, contact WCCCD at 313-496-2758.

Spirit

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Wayne County Sheriff and the Michigan State Police.

Individual volunteers include Robert Blazer and Jacob Rakel, Angela Talo and Jessica Davenport, all of Wayne and Jeff

Laudernds of Westland.

The list goes on and on.

The explosion and fire at the plant was the largest emergency event in recent history and the impacted communities will most likely be dealing with the aftermath for the foreseeable future. It's good to know that as officials deal with the resulting issues, the spirit of cooperation between them remains strong and true.

Evacuee

FROM PAGE 6

street—our street.

"This is the City of Wayne Police Department," came the tinny voice through the loudspeaker. "We are in a state of emergency. Please leave your homes immediately."

Even that might not have been enough, but the weatherman on the television said the wind was blowing the smoke northeast. I was in a direct line of fire. I looked at the billowing black smoke on the television, the greasy black smear that bisected the sky above my house, Henry's angelic sleeping face. Why risk it?

"All right, we're leaving," I said.

Lisa was a bit reluctant. She peered out the front window.

"Is everyone else on the block leaving?" She asked.

"I just don't want to worry about it," I answered.

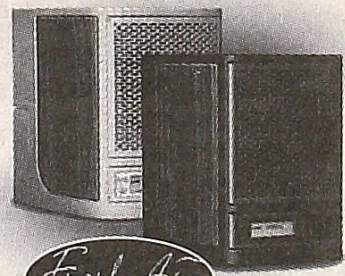
So we packed up a few things, grabbed the cat and headed to grandma's house in Canton. Lisa dozed on the short journey. Alice was wide awake for her second road trip, probably hoping that this wouldn't be as traumatic as her first—which involved a trip to the vet.

Henry adapted better than any of us, after I convinced him that the scary sounds and the fire didn't provide an immediate threat.

"You know what?" he said. "This would make a good book."

"Oh, really? What would you call it?" I asked.

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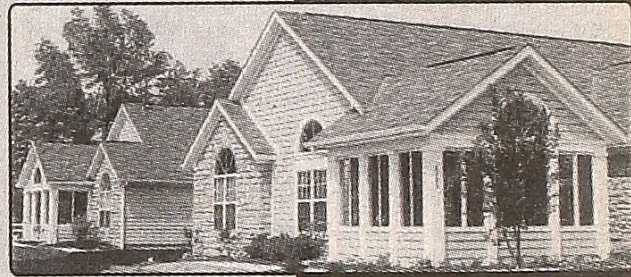
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SPORTS

Canton football ready for season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's no wonder the Canton Chiefs' football team is as good as it is. Their practices are probably some of the most well organized and well run in the area. The practice field adjacent to the Canton High School gymnasium looked more like a battlefield with platoons of players moving across the field with offensive linemen at one side, defense on the other, quarterbacks in the rear with the secondary flanking. Head Coach Tim Beachler stood in the center, surveying this year's team like a general preparing an army for battle—scrutinizing each set of players, analyzing talent and preparing a game plan for another season of gridiron war. "We have a lot of good coaches," Baechler said. "It makes it easier to organize and run practices when you have a lot of coaches." Like all high school teams, Canton lost several seniors to graduation this year and is expecting younger players to move up into new roles or take on more responsibility in old ones. The Chiefs lost 27 seniors

according to last year's roster. However, they have 28 juniors who could return, along with some sophomores. And that doesn't include the new talent coming from the junior varsity team, either. One returning leader is third-year player Shawn Little at quarterback. Little has proven his ability to lead the team to victory, running the offense through two undefeated seasons. "This year we're definitely smaller but I think we are stronger and faster," he said. "We have some better hands on this team and we're definitely going to be quicker." "There's a little bit of pressure on us but we're going to get over that—it's no big deal," he added about the team's earlier-than-expected dismissal from the playoffs last year. "We just have to keep our focus and keep on practicing and doing our job." Behind him will be Andrew Rossow at halfback who is returning for his senior year. He was a part of a backfield that punished opponents last year. Junior back Deshon McClendon and senior back Billie Jones are both expected to return with Rossow, but the Chiefs lost backs Julian Smith, Jeff Hudson and

fullback Chuck Schumacher to graduation. "We expect a lot people to step up to make up for the loss," Rossow said. "You know you're going to lose people every year but everybody has to make up for it. We have a deep roster this year so we should be pretty solid all around." Towering 6-foot, 4-inch senior tackle Ryan Jonik will shore up the defense and start as an offensive tackle, too. He feels there is no real pressure on the team, it's just matter of staying focused. "I feel like there's no pressure this year. We're just going to go out and do what we've been told and give it our best," he said. "We're just concentrating on getting the team ready, staying focused and getting the job done. And hopefully we can get to the state championship." There's no reason that Canton, given their past record, talent and coaching leadership, shouldn't win their division and the Western Lakes league. However, Livonia Stevenson may provide a fight for the conference championship. But look for the red and white to make it to districts. From there on, it's anyone's game. As any coach will say: anyone can beat anyone on any given



Canton's defense goes through a workout on the final day of the first week of practice last Friday. The team hopes to reign at the top of the Western Lakes conference again this season.

day in high school football. That's the beauty of the sport. Canton kicks off their regular season at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26 at home against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

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Regional track team 'accelerates' opportunities for athletes

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

There's an old adage that says, 'you can always go home again.' There's another that says something to the effect that if you make it, you should give back to the community that made you.

That's exactly what track and field aficionados James Hall and Francis McCauley have done by forming a traveling track team made up of youths from all over the State of Michigan.

The Michigan Accelerators is the brainchild of these two men, who both have Inkster roots.

Hall is a graduate of Robichaud High School, where he played football. He also ran track with McCauley blowing the whistle. Hall then went on to Eastern Michigan University and the NFL.

McCauley has been with the Westwood School District for the better part of 35 years. He's served as an administrator and athletic coach.

When Hall returned to the area from some time in Atlanta, he and McCauley wanted to start a track team as a way to service their community and keep their 'Robichaud legacy' alive.

Thus, the Inkster Accelerators was born. Word spread about the group, which started with just three members. Because of word of mouth, more kids from more areas wanted to get involved with the Accelerators. 'Inkster' was changed to 'Michigan,' and the rest is history.

"Word got out really quick about us," Hall said. "It's to a point now where we

have to turn kids away."

The kids practice at the Romulus Middle School track in the spring and summer, and at the Romulus High School track in the colder months. Youths come from as far as Brighton to be a part of this group. Hall said that the current roster is composed of about 80 runners.

The kids who are fortunate enough to be a part of the 2-year-old Accelerators range from age 5 all the way up to high school seniors. They compete in 30 events from November to May in an indoor and outdoor season. Whereas joining other teams might cost more than some can afford, these athletes pay only \$150, which goes toward uniforms, equipment, training and event fees.

The meets take place all over the country, and each member finishes at the top, or close to it, in every event. They also finish at the top in the class.

"All of our kids are capable of winning races," McCauley said. "They run really well, and most of our kids are great students. All of them have at least a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher."

Those high marks, coupled with their ability to blow past their competition, have enabled a number of accelerators to earn scholarships to various Division I-A universities.

Tonia White, the first Accelerator, is a student at Lansing Community College. She will attend the University of Kansas in the fall.

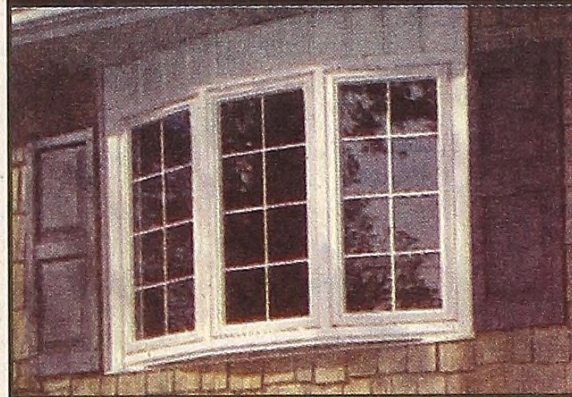
Hall estimates that at least 25 former

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Members of the Michigan Accelerators prepare for an upcoming meet.

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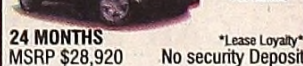
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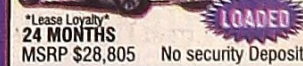


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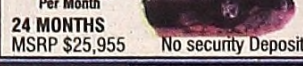


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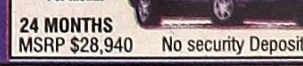


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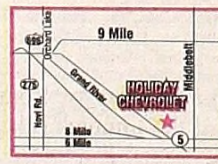
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Track

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Accelerators are enrolled at D-1 schools.
Current Accelerator Danny Kinney, a state champion in the 100m Hurdle who holds a 3.89

grade-point average, will attend Howard University in Washington, D.C. on a full scholarship. Tiffany James has signed with the University of Detroit. Romulus High School senior Landrea Buckley’s phone rings constantly as more than 20 D-1 schools are recruiting her.
Both coaches care a lot about

each kid on their roster, but they take different approaches when things get hectic.
“(Hall) likes to lay the hammer down, so, sometimes it’s like a good cop, bad cop thing,” McCauley said. “We listen to each other’s philosophies, and we get our points across.”
Parents have nothing but

glowing things to say about what Hall and McCauley have done.
Curtis Simpson, a freshman at Wayne Memorial High School, is a first-year Accelerator. His mother said the team has given her son the opportunity to do great things.
“It gives the kids the opportunity to go to college, which I like,”

she said. “Hopefully Curtis can be one of those kids.”
Hall said one of the best parts of running this team is that the kids want to be there.
“These kids are special,” he said “We’re a lot like a family. It’s been a wonderful marriage between us and the community. We’ve been blessed.”

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 1, 2005 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Excused: William Crova.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-287

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 25, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-288

3A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to grant General Motors Power Train Engine located at 36880 Ecorse Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, a tax abatement for a period of 6 (six) years plus three years for construction on \$37,518,000.00 in personal property investment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Miller, Romak.
Nays - Burcroff, Gear, Prybyla, Wadsworth.
Motion Failed.

05-289

3A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to grant General Motors Power Train Engine a tax abatement for a period of 12 (twelve) years beginning December 31, 2005 and ending December 30, 2020, which includes three years for construction on \$37,518,000.00 in personal property investment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-290

3B. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the request of the petitioner UHY Advisors and pursuant to P.A. 376 of 1996 as amended, The Michigan Renaissance Zone Act (MCL125.2688), consent to the establishment of a Tool and Die Recovery Zone for a period of ten (10) years to begin August 1, 2005, ending August 1, 2015. The two properties included in the zone are Euclid Machine and Manufacturing Company and Bawden Industries, Inc. (Entire resolution on file in the Clerks’ Office).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-291

4A. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to adopt a 100th year birthday resolution for the Reverend Alvin Burton.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

05-292

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adopt a retirement resolution for Tom Ellis after serving twenty-two years as an employee of the City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Miller to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-293

5A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-0 1:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Emergency Management				
Revenues:				
101-3510-512.54-38	2004 Homeland	131,818	125,000	256,818

Expenditures:				
101-3510-735.73-11	Oper Sup-'04Homeland Security Grant	131,818	125,000	256,818

To add grant revenues and offsetting expenditures for the 2004 Homeland Training grant not spent in the 04/05 budget approved previously by City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-294

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Revenues:				
101-4130-512.54-48	Clean Michigan Grant	900,000	863,049	1,763,049
Expenditures:				
101-4130-741.85-48	Current Oper-Clean Mi Grant	900,000	863,049	1,763,049

To add grant revenues and offsetting expenditures for the Clean Michigan grant not spent in the 04/05 budget previously approved by City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-295

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to concur with Human Resources Director, Sandra Rivers and grant authorization to issue a check in the amount of \$47,432,00 to be issued to MERS on behalf of an employee of the City of Romulus, to be reimbursed by Meadowbrook by August 17, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-296

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of DDA Director, Maria Lambert and authorize the Mayor to enter into the 2005 Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Romulus and the County of Wayne.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-297

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Mr. Rollo Juckette for Auctioneering services for the Annual City Auction to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-298

6A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to authorize the cities’ participation in the Wayne County’ Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

05-299

8. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution to be sent to Governor Granholm, Senator Basham and State Representative Hop-good stating the Romulus City council is opposed to which permits local governments to seize private property for private enterprise.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Prybyla to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 1, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes f the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 1, 2005.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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THE SCENE

FOUR BROTHERS

Detroit is Hollywood city of brotherly love

Four Brothers is the second movie released this summer that had enlisted the city of Detroit as a backdrop.

Unlike *The Island*, which meshed Detroit and Los Angeles cityscapes to make a single futuristic city of angels, the *Four Brothers* storyline actually takes place in Motown.

Of course, the film starts out with the brutal shooting of a Middle-Eastern merchant and an elderly white woman by two African American thugs during a grocery store hold up—something city officials must be proud of.

As the story continues there is a car chase and shootout along the unplowed snowy city streets and, conveniently, there is never a cop around when you need one—much like the Detroit we all know (except for the ones writing tickets for parking violations).

And the final scene takes place ON a frozen body of water with no land in sight. For some reason there's no area around Detroit like that that seems familiar to me. But it's never occurred to me to try and drive an SUV ON the Detroit River to see where it takes me. So, I guess it's plausible.

The direction wasn't what I expected from *Boyz n the Hood* director John Singleton but I didn't expect too much after his meager effort on *2 Fast 2 Furious*.

So was it a complete failure? Not exactly.

The story revolves around four adopted brothers who return home after their mother, the elderly white lady, is shot to death in the grocery store robbery. After the funeral they discover that her death wasn't just a random crime but a planned murder.

Hotheaded Bobby, played by Mark "don't call me Marky anymore," Wahlburg leads the Mercer quartet. The military-hardened Angel (Tyrese Gibson), the hard rocking Jack (Garrett Hedlund) and family man and entrepreneur Jeremiah (Andre Benjamin) join Bobby in the search for the killer. All are hardened criminals with enough street smarts to outwit the police and survive the mean streets of Detroit.

The four brothers decide to bypass the police altogether and take matters into their own hands. And no matter how many body bags they fill with their enemies, they manage to stay out of trouble—thanks to a little help and understanding from Detective Green (Terrance Dashon Howard).

Things get out of hand when every lead they follow—and every person they kill—only leads them to another. Eventually all evidence points to gang lord Victor Sweet (Chiwetel Ejiofor). However, Angel begins to suspect brother Jeremiah, who suspiciously and consistently bails out of the investigation, of having a hand in their mother's murder. He finds out that Jeremiah was making payments on her life insurance policy—money that he can now collect. Angel also discovers that Jeremiah was using the money to pay off Victor and city officials so he can follow through with a condominium project that he wants to build.

Those suspicions take care of themselves, leaving the Mercers with one main tar-

get—Victor, whose pockets are deep enough to buy him a sour cop. In turn Victor is hunting down the brothers.

Victor treats his henchmen like dogs, which only comes back to bite him when the Mercer brothers make a "sweet" deal that that his cronies can't pass up.

Despite the iffy acting by mostly no-name newcomers and the bland dialogue, the ending is clever and fun to watch fall into place. But how four streetwise brothers manage to come up with a plan to fool the law and the lawless at the same time and stay out of jail (or body bags) is beyond me. The important thing here is that it works even though it is sketchy at best as to why their mother was "set up" in the first place.

It was also nice to see Detroit, despite the way the city was portrayed, on the big screen again this summer. Seeing familiar backdrops and hearing familiar street names injected into dialogue made it worth a trip to the theater.

But don't expect too much more than that.

Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer



THE SCENE

Skeleton Key

Film provides ending almost worth tedious wait

Sitting through the mediocrity of *Skeleton Key* is worth the time just to see an ending that will surely send audiences reeling.

The ending is truly one of the best since *Sixth Sense* and *The Others* but the problem is making it through the ho-hum doldrums of yet another tepid thriller to get to it. What made the aforementioned movies so good is that the final twist was preceded by a good story. That's where *Skeleton Key* falls short.

There were some decent startling moments, but there's nothing that will make you dig your fingernails into the armrest and sink lower into your seat. It's a shame because Ehren Kruger, who penned *The Ring*, which provides the impending fear lacking in most of today's thrillers, wrote *Skeleton Key*.

The location—the all too spooky New Orleans—is just right. Add a creepy 200-year-old mansion isolated in the foggy swamps just outside the city and you have the makings of a horror thriller.

Nothing is as it seems when Caroline (Kate Hudson) becomes fed up with her job at a hospice facility, which sends her looking for fulfillment at a new job. She thinks she finds it when she answers a want ad looking for a live-in nurse. An hour drive to the middle of nowhere lands her on the doorstep of Violet (Gena Rowlands) and Ben (John Hurt), a couple living in the inherited, 30-odd-room mansion for the past 60 years.

Ben suffered a stroke in the attic and Violet needs someone's help to take care of him. Caroline gets the job and moves in right away.

Armed with just a skeleton key, Caroline's curiosity gets the best of her as she takes to exploring the old dwelling – including the attic, where she finds a secret room. Later, she finds the room holds a terrible and dark secret that puts her life in jeopardy.

As Caroline explores the old house, director Lain Softly (*K-PAX*) uses some distorting cam-

era angles that helps build tension at times but fails to deliver anything impressive at those moments.

Along the way Caroline befriends Luke (Peter Sarsgaard), the local lawyer in charge of Violet and Ben's estate. He, for good reason, doesn't want to believe Caroline's claims of shady wrong-doings.

Through her snooping, Caroline discovers Ben didn't suffer a stroke after all but was placed under a hoodoo—a dark-magic offshoot of the mysteries Voodoo religion—spell. The question is: why?

While trying to figure it out she is sent in flight to save Ben's life while protecting herself from dark spells and old ladies with shotguns.

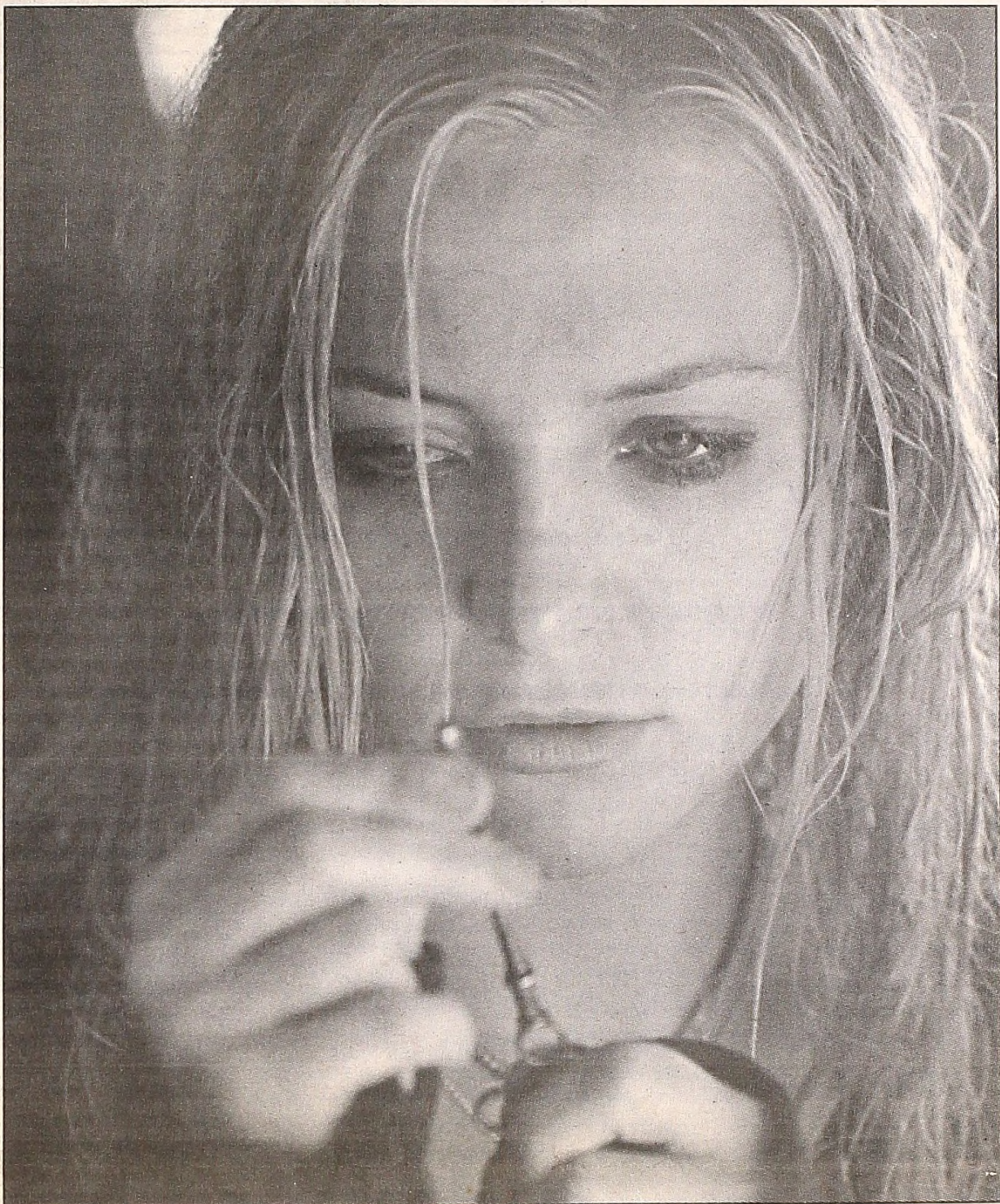
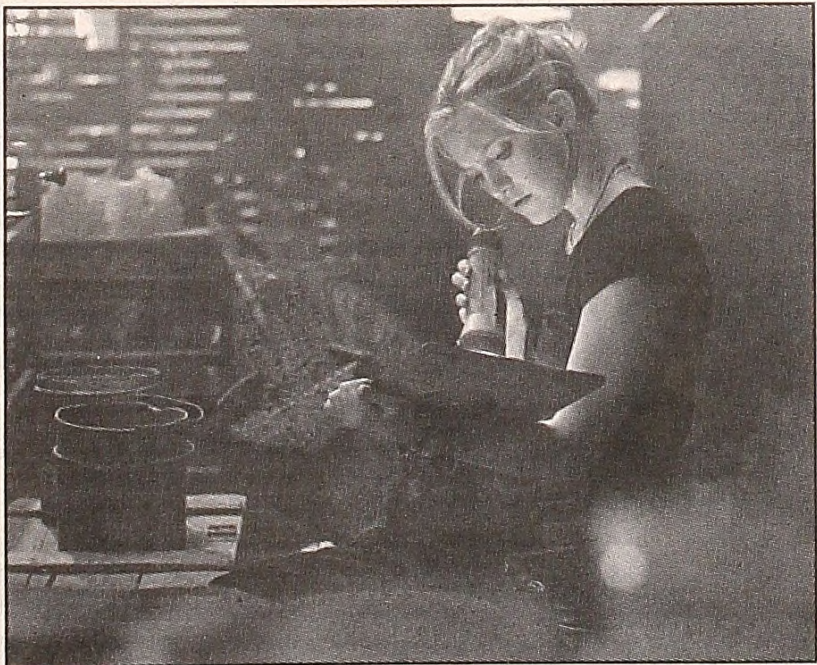
In the end everything makes sense, including the startling realization that an earlier scene is more disturbing than we initially realize.

There are too many unexplained pieces of the puzzle, though. The whole mirror phenomenon is never fully explained and Caroline's relationship with her father is a bit unnecessary.

Looking back, there are plenty of hints along the way for audiences to figure out the final twist, but aren't realized until it slaps you in the face. When all is said and done nobody is who you'd

expect him or her to be.

All in all I would suggest waiting for the DVD so you could fast forward through the meaningless portions and go right for the kicker:



STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 30204 Lansing, Michigan 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 30, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 05-82-0122-P under Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Waste Management of Michigan Inc, 5900 Hannan Road, Wayne, Michigan. The applicant proposes a 57.8 acre expansion of the existing Woodland Meadows landfill, impacting 30.65 acres of regulated forested and scrub shrub wetland and 0.10 acre of unregulated wetland, in accordance with the attached plans. Excavation to approximately 40 feet below the existing grade within the expansion area will supply material for a clay liner within the base of the landfill, to be topped by a geosynthetic liner. This expansion of the current landfill will provide 18.4 million cubic yards of additional landfill air space for Type II (general solid waste) and Type III (building materials) waste disposal; hazardous waste is not included in these categories. A sedimentation pond to receive stormwater runoff from the landfill is included in these plans. Preservation of approximately 445 acres of coastal wetland contiguous to the St. Johns Marsh Recreation Area in St. Clair County is proposed to mitigate for the loss of wetlands adjacent to the landfill; ownership and management of the mitigation site would be transferred to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The landfill expansion project is located in T3S, R8E, section 1, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIW-PIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30307 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

By: Katie Hayes,
for Wendy Fitzner
Permit Consolidation Unit
Land and Water Management Division
517-373-9244

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August 18, 2005

ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Romulus Housing Commission will make available for public review a draft copy of its Annual Agency Plan for FY 2006 in compliance with the Agency Plan guidelines of 24 CFR 903, a requirement of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review on August 22, 2005 at the Romulus Housing Commission administration office located at 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

In addition, a public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., on October 5, 2005 in the conference room at the Romulus Housing Commission administration office. At this time the Romulus Housing Commission will receive and consider any and all comments prior to finalization of their agency plan for submission to HUD on or before October 18, 2005.

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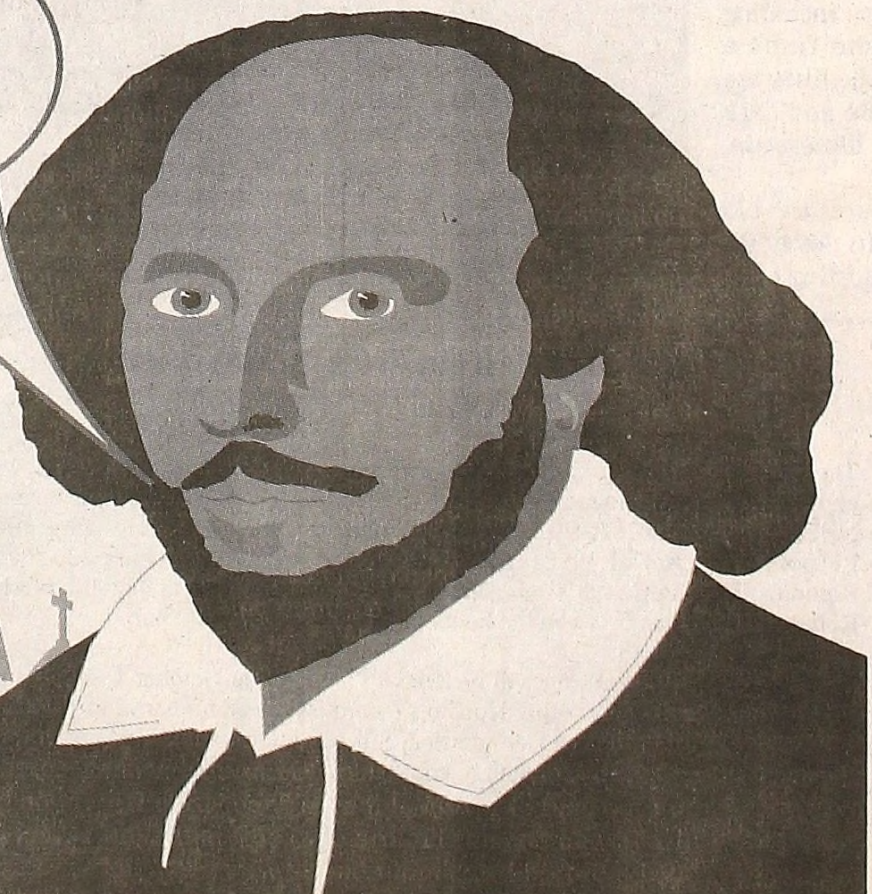
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1. Obituaries

HARRIS, Elizabeth Christie (Bessie)

Age 91 of Ann Arbor, formerly of Belleville, MI, and Port Charlotte, FLA. Died July 21, 2005

Cremation has already taken place.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held Sat., Aug. 20, 2005 at 10:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, MI, with Father Brendon Walsh officiating.

Bessie was born Mar. 10, 1914 in Burnt Isle, Scotland, the daughter of Betsy (Thomson) and George Christie. She married Nathan (Jack) Harris on Nov. 13, 1937. He preceded her in death in 1975. They made their home in Belleville from 1954 to 1971 where they raised their family of two sons, Robert and Jack, with many summers spent at their cottage on Portage Lake. Bessie and Jack owned and operated the Willis Bar until their retirement. From Belleville they moved to Florida, residing in Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte, where Bessie resided until Sept. 2004 when her home was lost to Hurricane Charlie. Bessie was a member of the Cleveland United Methodist Church in Punta Gorda, was active in the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, volunteered for the Charlotte County Hospital, was a member of the Daughters of Scotia (Lady Mac Ray Lodge 218) and member of WABBI (past Pres.). She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law Robert and Dianne of Fenton and Jack and Carol of Ann Arbor; grandchildren Andrew, Erin, Courtney and Brian; sisters Helen Bone, Violet Belmore and Mary Cielinski, and brother Robert and wife Pat Swirls as well as many relatives and friends.

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Howard's Towing & Collision 35830 Van Born Rd. Wayne, MI 48184 734-326-1114

August 30, 2005 1:00 PM All Vehicles Sold "As Is" Cash Only

1987 Plymouth 1P3BM18C7HD350781 1999 Saturn 1G8ZK5271XZ307170 1992 Dodge 1B3XA76J6NF156361 2000 Suzuki MC JS1GN78AXY2103278 1992 Ford 1FAPP11JXNW198510 1993 Plymouth 4P3CF34B0PE013724 1989 Mazda JM2UF3133K0776163 1989 Chevrolet 1G1LV1110JY238678 1994 Nissan 1N4EB31P8RC754097 1992 Pontiac 1G2HX53L2N1318225 1996 Dodge 1B4GP44R1TB261332 1997 Ford KNJLT05H8V6209720 1997 Ford 1FALP52U2VG236000 1996 Ford 1FMDU35PXTUC47595 1996 Hyundai KMHJF24M6TU247611 1991 Chevrolet 1G1LZ13T7MY158625 1991 Geo 1Y1SK5467M2016305 1994 Dodge 1B3ED46T6RF153268 1986 Mercury 2MEBP95F6GX664979 2003 Ford 1FAPP53U53A108832

1985 Chrysler 1C3BF66P2FX584615 1985 Toyota JT2AE82E4F3200750 1995 Chevrolet 1G1JC5247S7210509 1993 Dodge 2B3ED46T9PH551666 1994 Chevrolet 2G1FP22S8R2122769 1989 Ford 1FTEX15Y8KKA49282 1995 Ford 2FALP73W0SX193004

Michigan State Police Dept.

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, August 31, 2005 at 10:00 AM, at: J & M Towing 8964 Inkster Rd. Romulus, MI

1992 Chrysler 4Dr 1C3XV66R3ND842411 1985 Plymouth Van 2P4FH21C0FR163457 1994 Lincoln 4Dr 1LNLM974RY749305 1991 Chevrolet 4Dr 1G1JC54G2M7265413 2000 Cadillac 4Dr 1G6KY5494YU310084 1993 Eagle 4Dr 2E3ED56TXPH556731 1997 Toyota 4Dr 4T1BG22K3VU182528 1983 Ford 2Dr 1FABP263BDF170391 1996 Oldsmobile 2Dr 1G3NL12M9TM329022 1997 Saturn 4Dr 1G8H5286VZ125873 1994 Mercury 4Dr 1J1ELM53U5RG617085 1987 Chevrolet 2Dr 1G1LV1343PY258343

Please note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

impounded abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1989 Mercury Marquis 4 Dr Blue 2MEBM75F6KX635326 1992 Pontiac Bonneville 4 Dr Silver 1G2HX53L0N1323021 1996 Dodge Neon 2 Dr White 1B3ES42C1TD596782

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

1989 Eagle Summit 4 Dr White JE3CU46X7KU007949 1984 Chevy Suburban Wgn Blue 1G8EC16L0EF109562 All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicles listed below will be auctioned after SEPTEMBER 17, 2005

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1984 Dodge Charger 2 Dr Black 1B3BZ54C1ED172927 1974 Chevrolet Camaro 2 Dr Green 1Q87T4N185555 1970 Dodge Motorhome White 6381950852 Haulmark Trailer Black No VIN Seabird Boat Trailer MC3334LV 1983 Chevrolet Camaro 2 Dr Black 1G1AP87S9DL145394 1985 Chevy S-10 PkTrk Black 1GCCT14B2F114200

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August 18, 2005

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We've set up a **TOLL FREE EQ Resource Recovery Help Line** to take questions and requests for assistance. You may call the Help Line at **877-278-7630** at any time of the day or night. We will take your name, address, phone number and a brief description of your question or need. A representative will call you back to follow up within days.

As to the safety of your home and family, USEPA conducted extensive testing in the area surrounding EQ Resource Recovery in conjunction with the Wayne County Health Department. The conclusions currently posted on the Wayne County and EPA web sites are that the agencies have seen nothing in the test results that would cause long-term health effects.

USEPA said it tested 46 samples from 23 different locations around the site, along with debris samples from six locations and countless air samples. The results were evaluated by toxicologists with the Centers for Disease Control and the Michigan Department of Public Health, according to the agency

We would like to thank all of the emergency response personnel who responded last week and did a fine job of protecting our employees, neighbors and the general public. Thanks also to the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and all of the volunteers who came out to make life a little easier for everyone affected by the situation.

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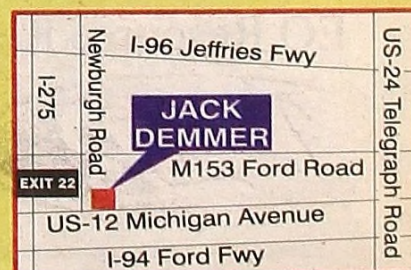
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